



Rear Admiral John A. Gauss, USN
Commander
Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command

Rear Admiral John A. Gauss, USN, is Commander, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command. In this assignment, he will direct the development, acquisition, and life cycle management of command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (C4ISR) systems for the United States Navy, selected Marine Corps and joint service programs.

Rear Admiral Gauss assumed command of Space & Naval Warfare Systems Command March 20, 1998. He previously served as Director, Allied & Fleet Requirements Division (N60) for the Space, Information Warfare Command & Control Directorate (N6) of the Navy staff, headquartered in Washington, D.C.

Born in Salem, Massachusetts, RADM Gauss attended public schools in his hometown. From 1965 to 1969 he attended Cornell University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Physics and was commissioned through the Navy Reserve Officer's Training Corps program in July 1969.

Following his commissioning, RADM Gauss completed seven years of continuous sea duty, including duty as the Electronics Material Officer, Combat Information Center (CIC) Officer, and Operations Officer in USS Patterson (FF-1061); Operations Officer in USS Flint (AE-32); and Executive Officer in USS Conserver (ARS-39). During this period RADM Gauss qualified as a Surface Warfare Officer.

In 1976, RADM Gauss entered the Naval Postgraduate School where he earned both Master and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Electronics Engineering with a minor in Computer Science. During his tour at the Naval Postgraduate School, RADM Gauss transferred to the Restricted Line as an Engineering Duty Officer. After graduation, RADM Gauss served as the Airborne Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) Project Officer at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, White Oak, Maryland; as the Tomahawk Surface Ship Weapons System Chief Engineer at the Cruise Missiles Project, Washington, D.C.; and as Major Program Manager, Navy Command and Control Systems-Afloat (NCCS-A) at the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR), Washington, DC.

In October 1992, RADM Gauss was assigned as the Program Director/Major Program Manager, Command Systems (PD 60) at SPAWAR. He oversaw Navy Command and Control Systems (both Afloat and Ashore), Navy Electronic Combat Surveillance Systems, Shipboard Combat

Support Information Management Systems, Environmental Systems, Fleet Marine Force Air Traffic Control Systems, and Navigation Systems.

In August 1994, RADM Gauss was assigned as the Commander, Joint Interoperability and Engineering Organization and the Deputy Director for Engineering and Interoperability (D6) of the Defense Information Systems Agency in Arlington, Va. While there, he was responsible for all aspects of engineering, providing effective, interoperable, integrated and affordable DOD command, control, communication, computer and intelligence (C4I) and combat support information systems for the joint warfighter.

In August 1997, RADM Gauss became the Director, Allied & Fleet Requirements Division (N60) for the Space, Information Warfare Command & Control Directorate (N6) of the Navy staff, headquartered in Washington, D.C.

During his career, RADM Gauss completed deployments to Northern Europe and multiple deployments to the Western Pacific. His personal awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (three awards), Meritorious Service Medal and Navy Achievement Medal.